

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 399

By Person

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Michael Roper on his award-winning essay, *If United States Capitol Walls Could Talk*.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young citizens who have distinguished themselves in their studies and have thus emerged as writers of great promise; and

WHEREAS, Michael Roper of Germantown is one such budding young Dickens or Twain who is richly deserving of this Body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Michael recently placed first among all Shelby County private and public school students for his essay, *If United States Capitol Walls Could Talk* with the Ridge Trail Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Michael's finely crafted essay also won first place honors in the Chickasaw District competition at the regional level and won second place overall in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution competition for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Born in Memphis, Tennessee on April 9, 1987, Michael Roper is a recent graduate of Houston Middle School, where he attended the sixth through eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding scholar has previously attended Chimneyrock Elementary School in Cordova and Dogwood Elementary School in Germantown; and

WHEREAS, An avid and talented athlete, Michael has played both baseball and football since the tender age of six; and

WHEREAS, Michael has played baseball and football for the Germantown Youth Athletic Association; on the diamond, he is a member of the Germantown Sox; and

WHEREAS, On the gridiron, he has excelled as the starting Center for the 7th and 8th Grade Houston Mustangs, and he played an instrumental role in his 7th Grade team winning the Shelby County Championship; and

WHEREAS, In the realm of academics, Michael is a member of the Junior Beta Club, the National Honor Society and *Who's Who in National History* Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his most recent laurel, Michael has won several other prestigious awards; and

WHEREAS, He placed second overall in the Germantown Post Office Postal Award competition, and he was a valuable member of the Houston Competitive Choir that took first place in the "Music in the Parks" regional competition held in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, His many impressive accomplishments aside, Michael is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his parents, Kevin and Susan Roper; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Michael Roper for his award-winning literary effort and his excellent record as a student and an athlete; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Michael Roper on his award-winning essay, *If United States Capitol Walls Could Talk*, and extend to this exceptional young man our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.